Regulations, title 16, section 1409.1, is required to be reported and maintained with the Board, which was and is:

# 10513 Green Hedge Ave Charlotte, NC 28269.

- 4. Service of the Accusation was effective as a matter of law under the provisions of Government Code section 11505, subdivision (c) and/or Business & Professions Code section 124.
- 5. On or about March 1, 2012, the signed Certified Mail Receipt was returned by the U.S. Postal Service, indicating a delivery date of February 27, 2012.
  - 6. Government Code section 11506 states, in pertinent part:
  - (c) The respondent shall be entitled to a hearing on the merits if the respondent files a notice of defense, and the notice shall be deemed a specific denial of all parts of the accusation not expressly admitted. Failure to file a notice of defense shall constitute a waiver of respondent's right to a hearing, but the agency in its discretion may nevertheless grant a hearing.
- 7. Respondent failed to file a Notice of Defense within 15 days after service upon her of the Accusation, and therefore waived her right to a hearing on the merits of Accusation No. 2012-471.
  - 8. California Government Code section 11520 states, in pertinent part:
  - (a) If the respondent either fails to file a notice of defense or to appear at the hearing, the agency may take action based upon the respondent's express admissions or upon other evidence and affidavits may be used as evidence without any notice to respondent.
- 9. Pursuant to its authority under Government Code section 11520, the Board finds Respondent is in default. The Board will take action without further hearing and, based on the relevant evidence contained in the Default Decision Evidence Packet in this matter, as well as taking official notice of all the investigatory reports, exhibits and statements contained therein on file at the Board's offices regarding the allegations contained in Accusation No. 2012-471, finds that the charges and allegations in Accusation No. 2012-471, are separately and severally, found to be true and correct by clear and convincing evidence.

10. Taking official notice of its own internal records, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3, it is hereby determined that the reasonable costs for Investigation and Enforcement is \$697.50 as of March 20, 2012.

#### **DETERMINATION OF ISSUES**

- 1. Based on the foregoing findings of fact, Respondent Nora Anne Woodfine has subjected her Registered Nurse License No. 593637 to discipline.
  - 2. The agency has jurisdiction to adjudicate this case by default.
- 3. The Board of Registered Nursing is authorized to revoke Respondent's Registered Nurse License based upon the following violations alleged in the Accusation which are supported by the evidence contained in the Default Decision Evidence Packet in this case.
- a. Respondent subjected her license to discipline pursuant to Business and Professions Code ("Code") section 2761, subdivision (a) on the grounds of unprofessional conduct in that Respondent was disciplined by the State Board of Nursing State of Colorado ("Colorado Board"). The circumstances underlying the disciplinary action by the Colorado Board is described in more particularity in Accusation No. 2012-471, inclusive and herein incorporated by reference.
- b. Respondent subjected her license to discipline pursuant to section 2761, subdivision (a) of the Code on the grounds of unprofessional conduct in that Respondent failed to properly document the administration and wastage of narcotics, administered excessive amounts of narcotics and administered narcotics without a physician's order. The circumstances underlying the disciplinary action by the Colorado Board is described in m ore particularity in Accusation No. 2012-471, inclusive and herein incorporated by reference.

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## **ORDER**

IT IS SO ORDERED that Registered Nurse License No. 593637, heretofore issued to Respondent Nora Anne Woodfine, is revoked.

Pursuant to Government Code section 11520, subdivision (c), Respondent may serve a written motion requesting that the Decision be vacated and stating the grounds relied on within seven (7) days after service of the Decision on Respondent. The agency in its discretion may vacate the Decision and grant a hearing on a showing of good cause, as defined in the statute.

This Decision shall become effective on August 17, 2012.

It is so ORDERED July 20, 2012.



FOR THE BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS

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Attachment:

Exhibit A: Accusation 2012-471

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Accusation

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7	BEFORE THE
8	BOARD OF REGISTERED NURSING DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS
9	STATE OF CALIFORNIA
10	In the Matter of the Accusation Against: Case No. 202-471
11	NORA ANNE WOODFINE, AKA NORA
12	ANNE MILLER ACCUSATION
13	10513 Green Hedge Ave Charlotte, NC 28269
15	Registered Nurse License No. 593637
16	Respondent.
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17	Complainant alleges:
18	PARTIES
19	1. Louise R. Bailey, M.Ed., RN ("Complainant") brings this Accusation solely in her
20	official capacity as the Interim Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing, Department
21	of Consumer Affairs.
22	2. On or about January 17, 2002, the Board of Registered Nursing issued Registered
23	Nurse License Number 593637 to Nora Anne Woodfine, aka Nora Anne Miller ("Respondent").
24	The Registered Nurse License expired on March 31, 2005, and has not been renewed.
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## **JURISDICTION**

- 3. This Accusation is brought before the Board of Registered Nursing ("Board"), Department of Consumer Affairs, under the authority of the following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code ("Code") unless otherwise indicated.
- 4. Section 2750 of the Business and Professions Code ("Code") provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.
- 5. Section 2764 of the Code provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license.
- 6. Sections 118 subdivision (b) of the Code also grants the Board jurisdiction over suspended, expired, forfeited, cancelled, or surrendered licenses:

"The suspension, expiration, or forfeiture by operation of law of a license issued by a board in the department, or its suspension, forfeiture, or cancellation by order of the board or by order of a court of law, or its surrender without the written consent of the board, shall not, during any period in which it may be renewed, restored, reissued, or reinstated, deprive the board of its authority to institute or continue a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee upon any ground provided by law or to enter an order suspending or revoking the licensee or otherwise taking disciplinary action against the licensee on any such ground."

7. Section 2761 of the Code provides, in pertinent part:

"The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

- (a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- (4) Denial of licensure, revocation, suspension, restriction, or any other disciplinary action against a health care professional license or certificate by another state or territory of the United States, by any other government agency, or by another California health care professional licensing board. A certified copy of the decision or judgment shall be conclusive evidence of that action."

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#### **COST RECOVERY**

8. Code section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

## FIRST CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

## (Disciplinary Action by the State of Colorado Board of Nursing)

- 9. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2761, subdivision (a)(4) of the Code in that Respondent was disciplined by the State Board of Nursing State of Colorado ("Colorado Board"), as follows:
- 10. On or about July 30, 2009, the parties executed a Stipulation and Final Agency Order in Case No. 2009-000743, placing Respondent on probation for a period of two years commencing from the effective date of the Order, with terms and conditions. The conduct underlying the disciplinary action is, as follows:
  - a. Respondent was employed as a professional nurse by Memorial Health System in Colorado Springs, Colorado, from about October 3, 2005, through June 17, 2008, when Respondent resigned from employment during the facility's investigation of narcotic administration practices.
  - b. From June 2006 through November 2006, while Respondent was employed in the Coronary Care Unit, random narcotic audits indicated that for several patients, Respondent failed to document administration of narcotics on electronic Medication Administration Records, although the medications were removed by Respondent from the automated medication dispensing machine ("Pyxis"). Respondent failed to consistently document pain assessments and reassessments.
  - c. From about July 9, 2007 through July 7, 2008, while Respondent was employed in the Post Anesthesia Care Unit, a Pyxis audit report revealed that Respondent administered excessive amounts of narcotics, such as Fentanyl, Morphine and Percocet, when compared to her peers.

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On or about December 11, 2007, Respondent erroneously documented Fentanyl

## **PRAYER**

WHEREFORE, Complainant requests that a hearing be held on the matters herein alleged, and that following the hearing, the Board of Registered Nursing issue a decision:

- 1. Revoking or suspending Registered Nurse License Number 593637, issued to Nora Anne Woodfine, aka Nora Anne Miller;
- 2. Ordering Nora Anne Woodfine, aka Nora Anne Miller to pay the Board of Registered Nursing the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of this case, pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 125.3;
  - 3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper.

DATED: February 22, 2012

LOUISE R. BAILEY, M.ED., RN

Interim Executive Officer
Board of Registered Nursing

Department of Consumer Affairs

State of California Complainant

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